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COUNTRY: VIETNAM U.S.

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SUBJECT: NORTH VIETNAMESE
OFFICIAL'S

COMMENTS ON 13 - 14 DECEMBER U.S. BOMBINGS

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A. THE [REDACTED] OFFICIAL GAVE [REDACTED] DETAILS OF FOUR VERY POPULATED STREETS INSIDE HANOI WHICH HAD BEEN BOMBED AND STRAFED ON 13 AND 14 DECEMBER 66, BY U. S. PLANES. HE ALSO GAVE [REDACTED] DETAILS OF MORE POPULATED AREAS ATTACKED IN THE NORTHERN, SOUTHERN AND WESTERN OUTSKIRTS. FOREIGN EMBASSIES WERE ALSO ATTACKED. THERE ARE NO MILITARY OBJECTIVES IN THE PLACES ATTACKED. OVER ONE HUNDRED PEOPLE WERE KILLED OR WOUNDED IN THESE ATTACKS. HE SAID THAT THESE RECKLESS AND OBVIOUS ATTACKS WHICH WERE AGAINST HUMANITY AND AGAINST THE GENERAL AGREEMENT WERE DESIGNED TO FORCE VIETNAM INTO SUBMISSION. THE AMERICANS WERE GRAVELY MISTAKEN. VIETNAM WOULD FIGHT ON WITH EVEN GRIMMER DETERMINATION UNTIL VICTORY.

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B. [REDACTED] THE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM (DRVN) WAS APPEALING TO [REDACTED] OTHER SOCIALIST AND NATIONALIST COUNTRIES FOR SUPPORT, AND TO DENOUNCE AMERICAN ATTACKS ON HANOI AND ITS WAR OF AGGRESSION AGAINST VIETNAM. [REDACTED]

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EVEN THOUGH IT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN SO INTENDED, WITH PLANES OPERATING RIGHT OVER THE CITY AND WITH THE TARGETS ON THE FRINGES AND GROUND INDISTINGUISHABLE FROM THE CITY ITSELF IT IS UNLIKELY THE CITY WOULD NOT SUFFER CONSIDERABLY FROM BOMBS, OR ROCKETS OR BY UNEXPLODED MISSILES, ANTI-AIRCRAFT SHELLS OR SHRAPNEL.

C. THE AMERICAN FIGHTING AGAINST HANOI HAS CONSIDERABLY INFLAMED PASSIONS AND THE THINKING OF THE VIETNAMESE [REDACTED] IF THE RAIDS OVER HANOI ARE REPEATED ON THE SAME SCALE AS THE RAIDS ON 13 AND 14 DECEMBER, IT IS CONSIDERED CERTAIN THAT VIETNAM WILL TAKE SOME ACTION TO MEET THIS CHALLENGE. THERE IS SPECULATION AS TO WHETHER THIS WILL MAKE VIETNAM DEVIATE FROM OR MODIFY HER PRESENT POLICY OF DOING THE FIGHTING HERSELF AND NOT ASKING FOR MILITARY VOLUNTEERS. WHILE AMERICANS MIGHT HAVE THEIR OWN METHODS OF ASSESSING THE EFFECTS OF THE BOMBS, THE OPINION HELD HERE BY PRACTICALLY ALL OBSERVERS IS THAT IN BOMBING THE HEART OF HANOI, IN CAUSING CIVIL LOSSES AND SOME FRIGHTFULNESS, THE RESULTS HAVE NOT BEEN EFFECTIVE.

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